

# **Martha Moomaw papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Moomaw, Martha Plessinger, 1898-1997
<b>Title</b>	Martha Moomaw papers
<b>Date</b>	1876-1931 and undated
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 Cubic feet 2 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Martha Moomaw papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Martha M. Plessinger Moomaw was born Aug. 19, 1898 in Bluffton, Indiana to Charles H. and Lydia M. Keller Plessinger. She appears to have been an only child. She went to school in Bluffton and at IU Bloomington with Earl Edward "Red" Moomaw (who was an important athlete at IU), whom she married June 25, 1925. She worked as a teacher in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Bluffton. When they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana she became a volunteer in many organizations. She was the director of the Wabash Street Club of the Indianapolis Service Men's Centers in the 1940s, was a member and often president of the Tri Kappa Council, Girl Scout Council, and Alpha Delta Latreian Club. She and Earl had no children. Martha died Sep. 11, 1997 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Information found within the collection.

"Moomaw, Earl Edward "Red". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/07/25. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Moomaw, Mrs. Earl". (pp. 101-102). They achieve, series of newspaper articles printed in the Indianapolis Sunday Star. [May 23, 1943]. Print. ISLI 920.7 S851t v. 2

"Moomaw, Martha Plessinger". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/07/25. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Moomaw, Martha Plessinger". Indiana Biography Index before 1990. Retrieved 2016/07/25. <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us>

"Plessinger, Martha M." 1910 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/07/25. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes an autographed, signed letter from Samuel J. Keller in California; biographical information about the Keller family; newspaper articles about Kellers and other subjects; high school yearbooks and scrapbooks; and photograph albums ranging from 1876-1931 regarding high school and social life, Earl Edward "Red" Moomaw's athletic career, and family history.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Martha Plessinger Moomaw on 1979/03/27.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/07/25 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2016/07/25 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Family Name(s)

- Keller family

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Bluffton (Ind.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Keller, Samuel
- Moomaw, Earl Edward

**Subject(s)**

- Family history
- High schools--Indiana

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Photographs and papers, 1876-1912, undated	1	1
Photograph album, 1904-1915	1	2
Bluffton High School "The Retrospect '16" yearbook, 1916	1	3
Bluffton High School "The Retrospect '16" yearbook, 1916 (copy)	1	4
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
"The girl graduate: her own book", circa 1916	2	1
Photograph album, 1917-1931, undated	2	2
"The Parthian" book, undated	2	3